

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please make the following amendments to the claims:

1-52. (Cancelled)

53. (New) A computer-readable medium containing a program for tracking innovation awards, the program comprising the steps of:
receiving data related to a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and
tracking data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions.

54. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking the distribution of one of a plurality of gifts given to one of the plurality of innovators as the non-monetary innovation award.

55. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with each of a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes at least one of cost and supplier.

56. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes a quantity in stock.

57. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking the number of innovation disclosures processed during a specific time period.

58. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

generating a form letter associated with one of the innovation awards.

59. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

storing IP coordinator contact data, the IP coordinator associated with an innovator.

60. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon submission of the innovation disclosure associated with the innovation award.

61. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon issuance of the intellectual property asset associated with the innovation award.

62. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

63. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the tracking step further comprises the step of:

tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

64. (New) An apparatus to track innovation awards, comprising the steps of:

logic configured to receive data related to a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and

logic configured to track data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions.

65. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track the distribution of one of a plurality of gifts given to one of the plurality of innovators as the non-monetary innovation award.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with each of a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes at least one of cost and supplier.

67. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes a quantity in stock.

68. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track the number of innovation disclosures processed during a specific time period.

69. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to generate a form letter associated with one of the innovation awards.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to store IP coordinator contact data, the IP coordinator associated with an innovator.

71. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with an innovation award distributed upon submission of the innovation disclosure associated with the innovation award.

72. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with an innovation award distributed upon issuance of the intellectual property asset associated with the innovation award.

73. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

74. (New) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein the logic configured to track further comprises:

logic configured to track data associated with an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the innovation disclosure.

75. (New) A method for tracking innovation awards, comprising the steps of: receiving data related to a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and tracking data related to a plurality of non-monetary innovation awards, each innovation award associated with at least one of the innovation submissions.

76. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: tracking the distribution of one of a plurality of gifts given to one of the plurality of innovators as the non-monetary innovation award.

77. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: tracking data associated with each of a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes at least one of cost and supplier.

78. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: tracking data associated with a plurality of gifts, wherein the data includes a quantity in stock.

79. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: track the number of innovation disclosures processed during a specific time period.

80. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: generate a form letter associated with one of the innovation awards.

81. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: store IP coordinator contact data, the IP coordinator associated with an innovator.

82. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon submission of the innovation disclosure associated with the innovation award.

83. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises: tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon issuance of the intellectual property asset associated with the innovation award.

84. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:
track an innovation award distributed upon publication of data described in the
innovation disclosure.

85. (New) The method of claim 75, wherein the tracking step further comprises:
tracking data associated with an innovation award distributed upon publication of data
described in the innovation disclosure.

86. (New) A computer-readable medium containing a program for tracking
innovation disclosures by an organization, the program comprising the steps of:
receiving data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation
disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and
determining participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes.

87. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the plurality of
innovator classes includes the class of employees of the organization.

88. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the plurality of
innovator classes includes the class of non-employees of the organization.

89. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, wherein the plurality of
innovator classes includes the class of contractors of the organization.

90. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, further comprising the step
of:
storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status
and a management/non-management status.

91. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 86, further comprising the step of:

storing organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

92. (New) An apparatus to track innovation disclosures by an organization, comprising

logic configured to receive data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and

logic configured to determine participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes.

93. (New) The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of employees of the organization.

94. (New) The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of non-employees of the organization.

95. (New) The apparatus of claim 92, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of contractors of the organization.

96. (New) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising:
logic configured to store innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.

97. (New) The apparatus of claim 92, further comprising:
logic configured to store organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business unit.

98. (New) A method for tracking innovation disclosures by an organization, comprising the steps of:
receiving data associated with a plurality of innovation disclosures, each innovation disclosure associated with an intellectual property asset and one of a plurality of innovators; and
determining participation data for each of a plurality of innovator classes.

99. (New) The method of claim 98, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of employees of the organization.

100. (New) The method of claim 98, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of non-employees of the organization.

101. (New) The method of claim 98, wherein the plurality of innovator classes includes the class of contractors of the organization.

102. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of:
storing innovator data, the data including at least one of an employee/contractor status and a management/non-management status.

103. (New) The method of claim 98, further comprising the step of:
strengthening organization data associated with the innovator, the organization data related to
the innovator and including at least one of affiliate organization, company, division, and business
unit.